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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT COMPLETES REVIEW OF COUNTY WATER & SEWER AMENDMENTS

FREDERICK, MD – The Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) completed its final review of the Frederick County Water and Sewer Plan Amendment – Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Review, which amends the 2011 Frederick County Water and Sewerage Plan, according to a letter received yesterday from Director Jay Sakai, MDE Water Management Administration. The Frederick Board of County Commissioners revised the land use plan map, zoning map, and the water/sewer plan map on September 13, 2012, as part of the 2012 Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Review.

Although the revisions to the land use plan and zoning maps were effective as of last September, the water/sewer plan map revisions needed to be approved by MDE before they became effective.

As part of the review process, MDE noted that the Maryland Department of Planning had found the amendment to be consistent with the 2010 Frederick County Comprehensive Plan and related municipal plans.

Board President Blaine Young said, “We are pleased to receive notice of MDE’s final review of the county’s amendments to the Water and Sewer Plan. This ‘stamp of approval’ is very important to the citizens of Frederick County, and especially those who were part of the previous board’s down-classification of thousands of acres of property that caused real people to lose real money and also negatively affected the county tax base. The majority of this board promised that we would right the wrongs of the previous board in terms of their downzoning of properties that resulted in the destruction of millions of dollars in property values. We made a promise to our constituents, and we are glad to say that MDE stands by our actions on behalf of those citizens.”

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The adopted mapping for the land use plan, zoning, and water/sewer plan are available on the Community Development Division webpage at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/2011zoningreview.

The Countywide Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map were previously adopted in April 2010 and have served as the guiding policy document for growth and development in the county.

Information and copies of the 2010 Countywide Plan and Zoning Map are also available through the Community Development Division webpage at www.FrederickCountyMD.gov/communitydevelopment and from the Department of Planning and Development Review at 30 North Market Street, Frederick, Md.

For further information, contact the Department of Planning and Development Review at 301-600-1138.

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